

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A hose having a hose body of which a cross-sectional external shape as seen in a plane perpendicular to an axial direction is substantially rectangular and having a linear projection formed on an inner wall of the hose body along the axial direction,

wherein a gap between a top of the linear projection and a part of the inner wall opposite to the linear projection is in a range from 25 % to 30 % of the distance from a part of the inner wall on which the linear projection is formed to the part of the inner wall opposite to the linear projection.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) A hose as claimed in claim 1, wherein the linear projection has a flat surface at a top thereof.

4. (Original) A hose as claimed in claim 3, wherein a cross-sectional shape of the linear projection as seen in a plane perpendicular to an axial direction is trapezoidal.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) A hose as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gap between the top of the linear projection and the part of the inner wall opposite to the

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